GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Cattle Smuggling along Indo Bangladesh Border
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force have killed 24 alleged cattle smugglers along the Bangladesh border in the current year;

(b) if so, whether Bangladesh has strongly raised the issue of killing of civilians at the recently concluded Home Secretary level talks with India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to stop smuggling of cattle from India to Bangladesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): 03 cattle smugglers have been killed during the current year on Indo-Bangladesh Border upto 30.06.2016.

(b) & (c): Bangladesh side had raised the issue of killing of civilians during the last Bangladesh-India Home Secretary Level Talks held on 16-17 November, 2015 at Dhaka.
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(d): The following steps have been taken to curb cattle smuggling across the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB):-

(i) For effective domination of the borders, Border Security Force (BSF) deployed along the IBB is carrying out round the clock surveillance of the border, viz., patrolling, laying nakas, establishing of observation posts all along the border.

(ii) Vulnerability mapping of Border Out Posts (BOPs) is being reviewed time to time from the point of view of cattle smuggling and being strengthened by deploying additional manpower, Special Surveillance Equipments, vehicles and other infrastructure support and other force multipliers.

(iii) Construction of Border Security fence & Floodlight on the IBB as a force multiplier.
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(iv) Use of Water crafts/Boats and floating BOPs for domination of riverine area of IBB.

(v) Introduction of Hi-Tech Surveillance equipments to reduce stress level of troops and enhance surveillance of border.

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